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SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HELPS UNVEIL STATE-OF-THE-ART MOBILE BREAST MRI SYSTEM TO DETECT AND DIAGNOSE BREAST CANCER AT ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE OF BALDWIN HILLS

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LOS ANGELES – Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas joined the American Cancer Society and hundreds attending the Relay for the Life of Baldwin Hills to unveil a state-of-the art Mobile Dedicated Breast MRI System, the only Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved and truly integrated system designed specifically for 3-D bilateral breast imaging.

North Andover, Massachusetts-based Aurora Imaging Technology, Inc. introduced the advanced system for the first time in California, to those who have battled cancer and others who were remembering loved ones lost at the annual Baldwin Hills event.

"The Aurora Mobile Dedicated Breast MRI System is a new and valuable weapon in our fight against breast cancer," the Supervisor said. "I am excited to play a part in introducing this new detection technology in the Second District."

The Relay for Life is a fun and unique 24-hour walkathon is held to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, to remember loved ones lost, and to fight back against the disease. Each year, more than 3.5 million people in communities across the country participate in the 24-hour walk or run event.

Teams composed of 8 to 24 people formed by local businesses, community groups, and friends & families took turns walking around the track, relay-style, while simultaneously enjoying games, food, fun, activities, and entertainment throughout the day and night.

The Supervisor, joined by “Team Ridley-Thomas,” was on hand to support the event, which increases cancer awareness and raises much-needed funds for patient service programs, cancer research, advocacy, and community education.

Wearing purple t-shirts and medals presented to them by relay volunteers, cancer survivors kicked off the Relay For Life event by participating in the inspiring “Survivors’ Lap.”

“It’s through their strength and courage that the community is able to realize that cancer survivorship is real and we are making progress in the battle against cancer,” Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said.

“We need to make sure that we are educated, not only about prevention and detection of cancer, but also about free programs and services for patients and their families.”

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